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In re Application of: Sadaaki MORI ET AL.

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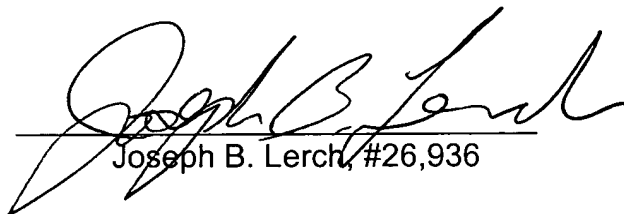
2. On information and belief, European patent application No.
02005470 is a foreign counterpart of the above-identified patent application.

3. On information and belief, attached as Exhibit A is a true copy of a Search Report which issued in European patent application No. 02005470 on October 27, 2003. Each item of information cited in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in this Search Report.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO/SB/08a/b and copies¹ of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner should consider during examination of the present application.

¹ If a listed document is not in the English language and an English translation is readily available, such translation is also enclosed and attached to the copy of the document. If a translation is not attached, it is not readily available to the undersigned. If a foreign language patent document is cited, and an English language equivalent is known to the undersigned, then the English equivalent patent is also listed on the enclosed form along with the corresponding foreign language patent and a connecting arrow indicates the relationship between them. If no such English language equivalent is cited, then none is known to the undersigned.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO/SB/0-8a/b) next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

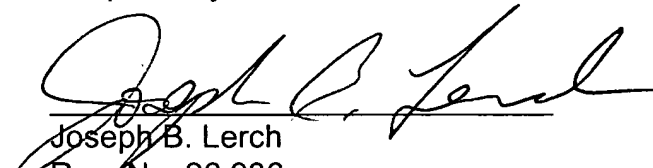
The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of a Search Report issued October 27, 2003 in the European counterpart of the present patent application, in which the presently disclosed references were cited. Since the Search Report is in English, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 35 C.F.R. 1.98.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, but the citation of such document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b)

and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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